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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-942)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/27/07, 1/25/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claim 1** is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 4 has recites the word "means" twice. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1-6 and 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2002/0032056.**

Regarding claim 1-6, and 12-17, Oh discloses an online gaming system and method usable by a plurality of participating players to play at least one multiplayer game, game recording means for generating a game play record of events occurring in the multiplayer game, a historical log capable of storing the generated game play record, a replay means capable of retrieving the stored game play record from the historical log and generating therefrom a replay of the at least one turn of the multiplayer game, the replay being delayed relative to the original turn of the game by at least a predetermined

time interval (this is inherent in a replay as it must be broadcast at some time after the original game play event has occurred), and a broadcast facility arranged to convert the replay into a signal for broadcast (See Oh Abstract, paragraphs 0010-0030).

Specifically, Oh discloses a network gaming system wherein multiple players may simultaneously participate in an online game and the online game data is recorded for broadcasting purposes. The recorded game data is stored in a server and transmitted to a relay server for distribution to participants (paragraph 0023). Collected game data includes all data generated in between a player's computer and the network game server or in between the players computers, such as data on the current game status, file inputs/outputs, etc., which is then converted into a signal for broadcast by the broadcast facility (paragraph 0024).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
6. **Claims 7-11 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh (US 2002/0032056 A1), in view of Lemmons et al (US 2002/0034980 A1).**

Regarding claim 7-11, 18-21, Oh does not specifically disclose the application of the broadcast system as described above to a multiplayer poker game wherein data relevant to a poker game may be viewed and replayed by participants. However, Lemmons discloses an interactive multiplayer gaming system wherein poker games and corresponding poker game data may be broadcast to players (paragraphs 0087-0095; Fig. 8 and 9) as well as replayed as desired (paragraph 0049). Further, relevant game standings and statistics may be calculated and displayed to viewers (paragraph 0051), therefore it would have been obvious to ordinary skilled artisan at the time of invention to modify Oh by Lemmons to include multiplayer poker game broadcast along with history and statistics of the game to convince the new players to play the game which would generate revenue for the casino and at the same time possible win and entertainment for the player.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MASUD AHMED whose telephone number is (571)270-

1315. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 10:00am-7:00pm, Alt Fri, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Melba Bumgarner can be reached on 571 272 4709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Masud Ahmed/
Examiner, Art Unit 3717